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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Forbert et al.

Examiner: Nguyen, Ngoc Yen M.

Application No.: 09/447,030

Art Unit: 1793

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For: **METHOD FOR PRODUCING SUBSTANTIALLY GLOBULAR  
LYOGELS AND AEROGELS**Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 29, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.